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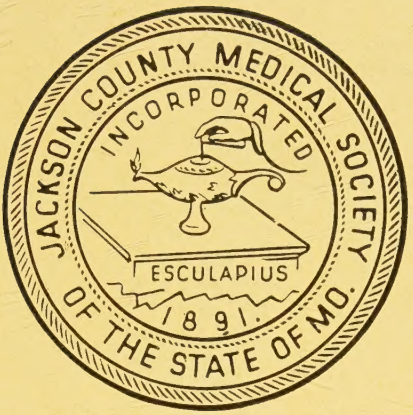

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Medical Secretaries Hold Benefit Dance

The Jackson County Medical Secretaries and Assistants Society will have a **Benefit Dance** Friday, June 5 at the Blue Hills Country Club, 6101 Blue Hills Road. Music by Jimmy Tucker's Orchestra.

This is the only Ways and Means project for the year for philanthropic work for this group and support of the doctors and their assistants will be appreciated.

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Well, what do you know that should be in the Weekly Bulletin?

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Editorially Speaking

Senator Neuberger of Oregon was elected because he breathed heck fire and darnation of his opponent, all Republicans and all conservatives of all parties, especially any and all who opposed spending millions or billions on public power and public conservation. He outmorsed Wayne Morse, and for a couple of years in the greatest debating society the world has ever known he was the best known angry man of several pretty well known angry men.

He has recently been quoted as saying that he is no longer angry at anyone. He will follow his principles as before because he believes in them, but he will no longer try to attain them through verbal violence but through reason colored by a sense of charity.

Mr. Neuberger has had a change of attitude and heart because he now faces his new experience. He will die soon unless some miracle saves him. And having found this to be true he has changed. Don't we all, when we know that the Old Man with the Scythe is going to come for us soon. Not quite all, but most.

It has been said that it is not for us to know the day and the hour of our death. But in these days of modern medical diagnosis and knowledge, many are given the right to know the year if not the month. Some see the Old Man walk into the room and then walk out again and these know that he will be back. When, only God knows. But these know it may not be long. Some know it will be soon.

Death has been called the greatest of all experiences. Death to some is the end of all things. To many others it is the beginning of a new and eternal life.

To these, it is important that one prepare himself for this life after life. But even those who think that death is the end wish to go without leaving behind them enemies and those who resent their angry ways. Death, our greatest enemy, is also the humbler, the author of the ultimate of humility.

Once upon a time we physicians felt that since we could do so little to save the lives of our patients we could at the least help our dying ones across the bar.

In those days we were physicians belonging to the greatest of the professions, more respected than some of the clergy, the moral and ethical leaders of the community, the men whose word was almost law and someone whom only a few would think of accusing of wrong doing or negligence.

We helped new life into the world and sometimes through no fault of ours a mother died. In the more violent past, and even sometimes today, it was a life for a life and more than a few of our ancestor colleagues have joined the young mother in the grave.

But this violence was not an expression of the attitudes of the community. Most remembered the kindness, consideration and charity the old Doc and the young Doc showed when Grandmother and Grandfather and little Jack died from some great killer, that has since been conquered.

As we ushered new life in and old life out we helped those who were leaving prepare themselves for the leaving.

Today we so wish to be scientists that we throw away our empathy for those we treat. We approach pathology, not a person. We look at protoplasm, not a mind and a soul.

Death follows life as sure as night follows day. Only a great physician can accept both, prepare himself to face both and prepare his patients to enter into both states without fear.

G. Wilse Robinson, Jr.

Medical Minutes

Each Medical Minute Contribution is written for all doctors rather than for any group specialty

ALLERGY—
HERBERT J. RINKEL

A purified form of Penicillinase in 50 cases produced rapid improvement in reactions of serum sickness type and acute urticarial and non-urticarial eruptions as well as chronic urticaria. Two injections of 800,000 units at 3 day intervals was more effective than single dose. Friedlander, J. of A., Mar., '59.

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY—
MARION W. RICHARDSON

Barbiturates are contraindicated as major therapeutic drugs in eclampsia or severe preclampsia. Grady. Obst. & Gyn., Feb., '59.

GASTROENTEROLOGY—
PAUL MOSS

Acidifying agents are useful in hepatic coma; degree of cerebral intoxication is not determined by blood ammonia levels without taking into account blood pH. Editorial, J.A.M.A., Mar. 7, '59.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY—
HERBERT A. HAMEL

Report of five cases anterior dislocation upper end fibula usually caused by fall with leg under body. Easily reduced closed manipulation. If recurds, open reduction and screw fixation indicated. Harrison. JBJS Brit., Feb., '59.

NEUROSURGERY—
EDWARD C. WEIFORD

Epilepsy onset after age 20 associated with abnormal neurologic findings indicates 50/50 brain tumor probability. Raynor, et al. Neurology, Feb., '59.

OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY—
PAT A. BARELLI

Stridor in infants can be of laryngeal origin and can be due to laryngomalcia (weakness, flabbiness); as well as from congenital malformations. Heatly. EENT Monthly, Apr., '59.

GENERAL PRACTICE—
GERALD O'CONNELL

Higher infant mortality in cases of C. Section where pitocin had been used prior to section than in sections where no pitocin was used. Clyman, et al. J.A.M.A., Mar. 14, '59.

ORAL SURGERY AND DENTISTRY—
DONALD W. MARTIN, D.D.S.

Periodontists estimate that home care by the patient is responsible for from 50 to 90% of success of periodontal disease treatment. Parks. JADA, Aug., '57.

RADIOLOGY—
HAROLD F. DAUM

In over 900 military men, the tip of spleen in both upright and recumbent positions lay at level of second lumbar vertebra. Bragdon. Radio., Mar., '59.

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY—
CHARLES B. WHEELER

Q fever, often clinically indistinguishable from primary atypical pneumonia, is diagnosed retrospectively by complement fixation test. Titer rises from 0 to 1:32 or higher. Hoeprich, et al. J.A.M.A., May 9, '59.

ANESTHESIOLOGY—
JOHN E. KYGER

Norepinephrine corrects the myocardial ischemia of hemorrhagic hypotension only if given within the first 5 minutes. Simeone. Surg., July, '58.

PEDIATRICS—
SANFORD F. COCKERELL

60% of prematures under 4 pounds with bilirubin levels over 18 mg. per 100 ml. are found to develop kernicterus. Campbell. Med. J. of Australia, Feb., '58.

GENERAL SURGERY—
JOHN A. GRIFFITH

Acute large bowel obstruction. 12 to 24 hours of pre-operative treatment is usually indicated and in about ¼ of cases obviates the necessity for surgical decompression. Ulin, et al. S.G.&O., Mar., '59.

HEMATOLOGY—
ROBERT K. SKILLMAN

In determining lymphocyte production and turnover, studies with D N A - P32 indicate that lymphocytes enter the lymphatics from lympohoid tissue and quickly leave blood stream and enter marrow and then are released with segmented neutrophiles. Perry, et al. AMA Arch. Int. Med., Feb., '59.

CARDIOLOGY—
LAWRENCE F. STEFFEN

Myocarditis today is not only an accepted disease but is regarded as **not** rare, frequently complicating such existing diseases and sometimes constituting the primary disease and cause of death. Editorial. Am. Ht. Jn., May, '59.

PROCTOLOGY—
CLIFFORD C. WILSON

Neomycin and Sulfathaladine used together are the drugs of choice for preoperative preparation of colon. Schiff. Surg. Clin., Feb., '59.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH—
HAROLD Y. ALLEN

Person susceptible to atopic eczema possesses sweat retention manifestations—other well defined physiological factors noted. Lobitz, Jr. J.A.M.A., July 28, '56.

DISEASES OF THE CHEST—
WILLIAM L. MUNDY

Make use of neuroplegic drugs to relieve pulmonary hypertension, e.g. mitral stenosis, left failure, etc. Halmagyi. J. of Chronic Diseases, May, '59.

Increase in Histoplasmosis in Children During the Past Year

The purpose of this communication is to inform **YOU** of the extraordinary increase in acute pulmonary histoplasmosis during the last 8 months. The disease, involving mostly children, is characterized by an acute pneumonitis with a tendency to prolonged convalescence. Some cases have been observed with residual middle lobe syndrome or residual pneumonitis.

It appears worthwhile to call your attention to this unusual increase in histoplasmosis which is greater than anything we have observed over the last 13 years. We feel quite certain that the incidence of these infections will continue to be abnormally high during the coming summer. Thus, we wish to offer our clinical and laboratory assistance to you in the diagnosis of these cases. If you have suspected cases or wish to contact us, please feel free to do so. Phone TAlbot 2-2217 or write 3900 Eaton Street, Kansas City 3, Kansas.

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			First 20 Weeks	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
DEATHS—Total	119	128	2,565	2,536
Under One Year	10	14	168	188
Non-Resident	24	29	502	477
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	22	22
Within City Limits	1	2	17	20
BIRTHS—Total	363	314	6,385	6,262
MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY—				
Chickenpox Cases	13	14	278	276
Scarlet Fever Cases	3	1	145	79
Epidemic Meningitis Cases	1	0	7	3
Deaths	0	0	1	2
Poliomyelitis Cases	0	0	1	0
Measles Cases	27	36	266	374
Mumps Cases	14	3	198	204
Whooping Cough Cases	0	3	85	14
Syphilis Cases	22	15	192	552
Deaths	0	0	0	4
Gonorrhea Cases	37	10	412	444
Tuberculosis Cases	0	2	114	106
Deaths	0	0	20	27
Rheumatic Fever Cases	1	0	16	3
Deaths	0	0	0	2
Infectious Hepatitis Cases	0	1	54	45
Deaths	0	0	1	2

Practitioner of Year

Photo by Strauss-Peyton

George V. Feist has been selected by the Kansas City Academy of General Practice as the "General Practitioner of the Year." A plaque was presented to Dr. Feist at the dinner meeting of the academy held Thursday, May 21. Dr. Feist became a member of the Jackson County Medical Society in April 1925 and has his office in the Professional Building.

Harry K. Cohen was installed as President of the Kansas City Academy of General Practice. Officers elected were: **Frank A. O'Connell**, President-Elect; **J. Max Haight**, Secretary, and **Edward A. Samuelson**, Treasurer.

Richard Cabot Clinic Elects Officers

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Propaganda or Reform. Dicloramine-T and Petrolatum Dressing for Burns:—Torald Sollman reports that solutions of dichloramine-T in chlorcosane do not protect the large open surfaces of burns against mechanical irritation and access of air. On the contrary, the solution is absorbed by the dressing, which is then glued by the wound secretions and causes pain and injury when the dressing is changed. As a result of a study of the decomposition of dichloramine-T by different solvents, Sollmann proposes the use of an ointment of three parts of surgical paraffin and seven parts of liquid petrolatum as a protective dressing on wounds (burns) treated with dichloramine-T. Chlorcosane solution. It may even be used as a basis for a dichloramine-T ointment (Jour. A.M.A., April 5, 1919).

Stevens' Consumption Cure. C. H. Stevens, a discredited London Quack, has been attempting to exploit Canadian veterans at the Mountain Sanatorium for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis at Hamilton, Ont. The nostrum was claimed to contain "Umckaloabo root" and "Chijitse," but the analysis made for the British Medical Association showed it to contain no active drugs except alcohol and glycerin. The following is a brief history of this "cure". In 1904 Stevens was selling "Sacco" in Capetown, South Africa, but got into the courts and found it expedient to leave Capetown. In 1906, Stevens was in Johannesburg trading as the "South African Institute of Medicine" and selling his stuff as "Lungsava"; was twice convicted of violating the law and left for England. In 1907, Stevens was in London selling his "cure," and in 1910 was declared by the courts to be guilty of intentional fraud and his "cure" pronounced a quack remedy. In 1915, Stevens' "cure" appeared in the United States under the name of "U. C. Extract," exploited by the Umekaloabo Chemical Company of New York City. Today, Stevens is attempting to exploit tuberculous Canadian soldiers who have acquired the disease in the service of their country (Jour. A.M.A., April 5, 1919).

Procain Anesthesia. There is no evidence of latent injury to the dental nerves from repeated injections of procain to control supersensitiveness of the teeth. If an isotanic solution is used and this solution made sterile by boiling, it is not probable that it will be injurious (Jour. A.M.A., April 8, 1919).

Paw Paw Tonic. An advertisement declares that "Paw Paw Tonic" contains no alcohol, but admits that it contains port wine. A newspaper item details the conviction of a Charlotte, N. C., druggist for selling this tonic to young men who became drunk from drinking it. The counsel for the druggist maintained that if Paw Paw Tonic was taken according to directions, the medicine would not produce intoxication. The jury decided that a "patent medicine" which when taken in liberal quantities will produce intoxication, is an intoxicating liquor (Jour. A.M.A., April 12, 1919).

Buttermilk Therapy. For reliable information with regard to new therapeutic measures and reliable brands of drugs proposed for them, New and Non-official Remedies should be consulted. This book contains a chapter which discusses the probable value of the Metchnikoff sour milk therapy. The book also describes those brands of preparations which the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry found to be reliable and exploited decently (Jour. A.M.A., April 12, 1919).

Goldenrod and Hay Fever. In spring hay fever is caused chiefly by the pollens of grasses. The fall hay fever in the Northern, Eastern and Southern states is for the most part attributed to the pollens of the ragweeds. In the Pacific and Rocky Mountain states they are replaced by the wormwoods. Scheppegrell has concluded that goldenrod does not cause hay fever (Jour. A.M.A., April 19, 1919).

Medical Week In Greater Kansas City

MAY **Sunday** **31**	(NO MEETING SCHEDULED)
JUNE **Monday** **1**	8:00 a. m. Orthopedic Dept. Meeting — St. Joseph Hospital. 12:00 noon Pathology Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 12:00 noon Surgical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — General Hospital. 4:00 p. m. Basic Science Course — Menorah Medical Center.
Tuesday **2**	8:00 a. m. Pediatric Dept. Meeting — St. Mary's Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Trinity Lutheran Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — V. A. Hospital. 8:30 a. m. Medical Grand Rounds — General Hospital. 10:00 a. m. Psychiatric Seminar or Literature Club — V. A. Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Tumor and Cancer Clinic — General Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 12:00 noon Medical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital.
Wednesday **4**	**7:00 a. m. Executive Committee Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital.** 8:00 a. m. Medical Sectional Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Surgical Dept. Meeting — St. Joseph Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Psych. Conference — Mercy Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — Bethany Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Anesthesia Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Medical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 6:00 p. m. U.S.N.R. Medical Unit 9-4. 7:00 p. m. Kansas City Anatomical Society — General Hospital, Anatomical Amphitheatre.
Thursday **3**	7:00 a. m. Medical Records Committee — Independence Sanitarium and Hospital. 7:30 a. m. Surgical Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Medical and Surgical Chest Conference — General Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Medical Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:00 a. m. "Theoretical Aspects of Milieu Therapy and Its Practical Application" Gunter Ammon, M.D., Meninger Foundation — Psychiatric Receiving Center. 10:30 a. m. Psychiatric Seminar — Neurological Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Hematology Conference — General Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Medical-Surgical Chest Conference — V. A. Hospital. 7:30 p. m. Regular Meeting — 325th General Hospital, U. S. Army Reserves, O.R.C. Armory, 1528 Central.
Friday **5**	7:30 a. m. Medicine Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Endocrine Conference — General Hospital. 8:00 a. m. General Practice Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Tumor Clinic — Bethany Hospital. 9:00 a. m. Ob-Gyn. Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:45 a. m. Medical Staff Therapy Conference — Kansas City Tuberculosis Hospital. 11:30 a. m. Medical Records Committee — Queen of the World Hospital. 2:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — General Hospital.

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Friday 5	2:30 p. m. Joint Neurological-Neurosurgical Conference — V.A. Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Journal Club — Mercy Hospital. 5:00 p. m. Surgery-Medicine Journal Club — Research Hospital.
Saturday 6	7:00 a. m. Journal Club Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Grand Rounds — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Pediatric Conference — Mercy Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Tumor Clinic — St. Margaret's Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — St. Mary's Hospital. 9:00 a. m. Surgery Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:00 a. m. Combined Staff Conference — Menorah Medical Center. 10:00 a. m. Cardiography Lecture — General Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Surgical Conference — General Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — General Hospital.

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June 8-12—American Medical Association—Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City.

July 22-23—Rocky Mountain Cancer Conference—Brown Palace Hotel, Denver.

Aug. 24-28—American Veterinary Medical Association—Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City.

Aug. 30-Sept. 4—American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis.

Sept. 6—College of American Pathologists—Palmer House, Chicago.

Sept. 7-11—American Society of Clinical Pathologists—Palmer House, Chicago.

Sept. 13-17—International College of Surgeons—Palmer House, Chicago.

Sept. 18-20—Mid-Continent Psychiatric Association—Holiday Inn Motor Hotel, St. Louis County.

Sept. 22-25—American Roentgen Ray Society—Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati.

Sept. 24-26—Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—Drake Hotel, Chicago.

Sept. 24-26—American Association of Medical Clinics—Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago.

Sept. 28-Oct. 2—American College of Surgeons—Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City.

Oct. 5- 8—Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society—Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City.

COMING EVENTS

June 8—Staff Meeting—Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.
Staff Meeting—St. Luke's Hospital.
Leavenworth County Medical Society.

June 9—Lafayette-Ray County Medical Society.
Staff Meeting—Research Hospital.

June 10—Staff Meeting—Krestwoods Hospital.
Staff Meeting—St. Margaret's Hospital.
Staff Meeting—St. Mary's Hospital.

June 11—Staff Meeting—Douglass Hospital.
Staff Meeting—Queen of the World Hospital.
Grand River Medical Society.
West Central Missouri Medical Society.

June 15—Executive Committee, Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society—3036 Gillham Road.

June 16—Staff Meeting—Mercy Hospital.

June 17—Staff Meeting—Bethany Hospital.
Staff Meeting—Neurological Hospital.
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June 18—Kansas City Dermatological Society.
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Little Known Medical History

Charles C. Dennie

When was X-ray first utilized in the treatment of cancer? No one knows.

There are a great many claims from many individuals, some backed up by factual evidence, others are not.

In investigating this proposition a brochure was found in St. Joseph Hospital which was published by the Sisters for the years 1900 and 1901. Besides many other pertinent facts about which we shall write later there was an article about the treatment of cancer.

There was a photograph of the X-ray Tube being used to treat cancer of the breast. On one side of the machine stood James N. Scott and on the other side stood two nurses. The X-ray was raised 20 inches above the patient so that the patient, Dr. Scott and the two nurses were all receiving almost the same amount of X-ray since there were no guards of any kind. The X-ray tube was bare naked in the air. Of course, we know what happened to Dr. Scott. He lost his fingers and later his life from receiving too much X-ray. What happened to the assistants we do not know because they were changed frequently.

There was a report in this brochure that the X-ray technique was likely to produce X-ray burns if not used with special care. The report ended with the statement that they had used X-ray long enough to determine the best method in the treatment of cancer was a combination of surgery and X-ray. Since this report was written at the beginning of the 20th century and since they had used it long enough to produce X-ray burns it must have been used for some period of time before 1900.

We were unable to determine just how long it had been used before the report was made, but this is certain, the first X-ray was used by the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital. This is one place in which the factual evidence is beyond question and it may be that the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital were among the first to equip their hospital with the X-ray modality, at least in this part of the country.

I would suggest that the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital have an enlargement made of this old photograph and hang it in their X-ray room. Entitled—"This is a photograph of the first X-ray machine utilized in Kansas City for the treatment of cancer. Photograph taken in 1900."

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